

HOUSE BILL 285

By Whitson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to cock fighting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting:

(2) An offense involving a cock under subdivisions (a)(1)-(3) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting:

(1) A violation of subdivision (a)(4) is a Class A misdemeanor. Notwithstanding § 40-35-111(e)(1), the fine for a violation of subdivision (a)(4) involving a cock is not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(2) A violation of subdivision (a)(5) is a Class A misdemeanor. Notwithstanding § 40-35-111(e)(1), the fine for a violation of subdivision (a)(5) is not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(3) A violation of subdivision (a)(6) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.